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House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Creator, Shepherd, Sustainer of Life, thank You for the gifts of this day, of these our bodies, of this our government, and of Your good Earth:

for our waking breath and final heartbeat;

for our eyes and ears, all limbs and senses;

for honest and trustworthy officials, for the people of every State, territory and Tribe;

for the spring Sun and full Moon, for redwoods, turtles, and bison.

Even as we praise You, we recognize and grieve the wounds on our bodies and upon every part of the creation we have touched.

Sustain every body that is oppressed by sin, racism, sexism, homophobia, and ableism, like a good shepherd who carries her sheep and leads them home, like a good shepherd who lays down His life for us.

Then grant us compassion to be shepherds for others, loving them not simply in words and speeches, but in truth and action.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 22, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 22, 2021, at 2:53 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 30.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

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DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 22, 2021, at 5:01 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 937.

That the Senate passed S. 957.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now administer the oath to the Sergeant at Arms-designate, William Joseph Walker.

Mr. Walker appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 6 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-938. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Procedures for the Issuance of Guidance Documents (RIN: 1990-AA50) received April 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-939. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's interim

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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